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Documents JP 2001-35844 and CN 1204867A listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the attached Chinese Patent Office Action, mailed by the Chinese Patent Office on October 14, 2005 in counterpart Chinese Application No. 2004100282521, and

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Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose an English language version of the Chinese Patent Office Action, citing the documents and setting forth their relevance.

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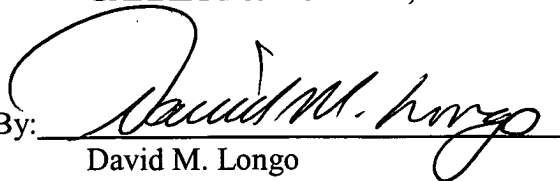
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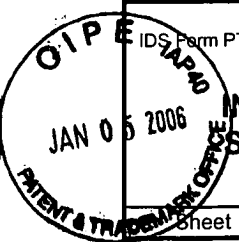
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